

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 176374

55

ORIGIN ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 L-03 JUSE-00 SEC-01 SS-15 /030 R

DRAFTED BY ARA/CEN/CR:MMBOVA:HLB

APPROVED BY ARA/CEN - M.WEISSMAN

L - L.HUMMER

DESIRED DISTRIBUTION

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT/ FOR JAY WALDMAN, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ONLY

----- 039176

R 161514Z JUL 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 176374

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, CS

SUBJECT: VESCO CASE: MEISSNER/GRAZE DEPOSITIONS TO SEC

REF: SAN JOSE 1809 OF MAY 6, 1975

1. MR. GREGORY GLYNN OF U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION HAS ADVISED DEPARTMENT THAT MILTON MEISSNER AND STANLEY GRAZE HAVE REQUESTED THAT SEC SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COSTA RICA TO TAKE ORAL DEPOSITIONS FROM THEM IN CONJUNCTION WITH A SEC CIVIL CASE IN WHICH THEY ARE DEFENDANTS. MR. MEISSNER MADE THIS REQUEST BY TELEPHONE CALL FROM HIS LAWYER. MR. GRAZE DID SO BY MEANS OF A LETTER FROM HIS ATTORNEY. NEITHER MR. MEISSNER NOR MR. GRAZE WISH TO COME TO THE U.S. TO MAKE THE DEPOSITIONS NOR WILL THEY AGREE TO MEET IN A COUNTRY OTHER THAN COSTA RICA. THE MEETING WOULD BE SET FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27.

2. SEC PROPOSES TO SEND THREE OF ITS LAWYERS PLUS A COURT STENOGRAPHER TO COSTA RICA. GLYNN ASSUMES THAT FIVE OR TEN OF THE DEFENDANTS LAWYERS WOULD ALSO ATTEND.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 176374

3. SEC PREFERS TO HOLD THE MEETING, WHICH WOULD INVOLVE

APPROXIMATELY TWO HALF-DAY SESSIONS, IN AN OFFICIAL SETTING, PREFERABLY IN THE U.S. EMBASSY. MEISSNER AND GRAZE, HOWEVER, DO NOT WISH TO MEET AT EITHER U.S.,

CANADIAN OR SWISS EMBASSIES. THEY MIGHT AGREE TO A MEETING AT UK EMBASSY, ASSUMING THIS IS POSSIBLE.

4. SEC ASSUMES VESCO IS AWARE OF PROPOSED MEETING. VESCO, WHO IS ALSO A DEFENDANT IN THE SEC SUIT AND WHO HAS DECLINED TO MAKE A DEPOSITION, IS REGULARLY SENT DOCUMENTS BY THE SEC RELATING TO THIS SUIT. DEPARTMENT AND GLYNN BOTH SUSPECT THAT VESCO MAY BE PLANNING IN SOME AS YET UNKNOWN MANNER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SEC PRESENCE IN COSTA RICA TO TAKE MEISSNER'S AND GRAZE'S DEPOSITIONS.

5. SEC WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ADVICE REGARDING (1) LOCATION OF PROPOSED MEETING AND (2) WHETHER COSTA RICAN LAW WOULD IN ANY WAY BE VIOLATED BY THE TAKING OF SUCH DEPOSITIONS ON COSTA RICAN TERRITORY. SEC WISHES IN NO WAY TO AROUSE GOCR SENSITIVITIES.

6. COMMENT: DESPITE APPARENT INADVISABILITY OF OFFICIAL USG REPRESENTATIVES AGREEING TO MEET WITH TWO FUGITIVES FROM U.S. JUSTICE ON TERMS SET FORTH BY THESE FIGUTIVES, SEC FEELS IT IS IMPORTANT TO ITS CASE TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS AS OFFERED AND, ACCORDINGLY, SEES NO ALTERNATIVE UNLESS GOCR ADVISES THAT SUCH ACTIVITY WOULD BE ILLEGAL OR INAPPROPRIATE. KISSINGER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PFOR, INVESTIGATIONS, FRAUDS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 JUL 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ElyME
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE176374
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: MMBOVA:HLB
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760275-0200
From: SECSTATE WASHDC
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760750/aaaabrey.tel
Line Count: 89
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 SAN JOSE 1809 OF MAY 6, 1975, 76 SAN JOSE 1809
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ElyME
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 26 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <26 APR 2004 by GarlanWA>; APPROVED <27 OCT 2004 by ElyME>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: VESCO CASE: MEISSNER/GRAZE DEPOSITIONS TO SEC
TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, CS, US, SEC, (VESCO, ROBERT L), (MEISSNER, MILTON), (GRAZE, STANLEY)
To: SAN JOSE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006